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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS, COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT:

IRAQ'S POSITION ON KOREA

REF: (A) BAGHDAD 1022 (NOTAL:7 (B) STATE 178439

1. SUMMARY: IRAQ CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE CLOSE (ON THE SURFACE) NORTH KOREAN/IRAQI RELATIONS AND TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREA'S BID TO USE THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AS MEANS FOR ACHIEVING NORTH KOREAN SOLUTION TO KOREAN CONFLICT. HOWEVER, NORTH KOREA'S STRONG ARM LOBBYING TACTICS HAVE APPARENTLY PROVED PARTIALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. GOI POSITION SEEMS TO HAVE SHIFTED marginally FROM ACTIVE WILLINGNESS TO (A) UNCERTAIN, PERHAPS TEMPORARY, ACQUIESCENCE IN MATTER OF CO-SPONSORING PRO-NORTH KOREA RESOLUTION (B) SOMEWHAT OPEN TACTICAL POSITION WHICH DEPENDS ON AUGUST TENTH CONFERENCES WITH OTHER ARAB STATES AND LAST MINUTE RE-ASSESSMENTS. PROBABLE APPEARANCE OF SADDAM HUSSEIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL, AND INCREASINGLY OBVIOUS GOI DESIRE ASSUME MORE PROMINENT ROLE AMONG NON-ALIGNED WILL ENCOURAGE GOI TO TRY TO MAKE SURE POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE KOREAN ISSUE IS MADE TO SERVE BAGHDAD'S GOALS, NOT PYONGYANG'S. END SUMMARY.

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2. AS CONVENER OF KOREA CORE GROUP IN IRAQ (REF B), JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SEIICHI SHIMA CHAIRED ONE HOUR MEETING AUGUST FIRST AT THIS RESIDENCE WITH CHARGES D'AFFAIRES OF UK, FRG, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, AND BELGIUM AS WELL AS USINT ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND POLITICAL OFFICER. ONLY USINT AND JAPANESE HAD EVEN HEARD OF CORE GROUP APPROACH ON KOREA. OTHER CHARGES LACKED INSTRUCTIONS. MEETING THEREFORE MAINLY CONSISTED OF SHIMA'S REVIEW OF HIS TWO RECENT MFA MEETINGS ON KOREAN ISSUE, RECOUNTING BY FRG CHARGE OF HIS RECENT MFA DISCUSSION ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF COLOMBO, AND USINT CIRCULATION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 22 SPEECH AS WELL AS SKETCH OF OUR RECENT MFA APPROACH REPORTED REF A. SHIMA ALSO DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF HIS AIDE MEMOIRE FROM JULY 31 MEETING WITH FON MIN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS KETTANEH (CITED AS "FORMER WALDHEIM AIDE KITTANI" IN ALGIERS 1418).

3. IT WAS CLEAR AT EARLIER USINT/JAPANESE EMBASSY MEETING JULY 29 THAT BOTH MISSIONS HAD ALREADY APPROACHED GOI WITH SUBSTANTIALLY SAME POINTS: INCLUDING NORTH KOREAN MISUSE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AS VEHICLE TO SELL DPRK SOLUTION TO KOREAN CONFLICT. MAIN POINTS WHICH EMERGED FROM THE AUGUST FIRST CORE GROUP DISCUSSION INCLUDE: (A) IRAQ, IN EARLY JULY, MAY HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT MORE WILLING TO COSPONSOR NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION THAN IT IS NOW. THE GOI SEEMS TO HAVE FELT THAT THE IRAQI POSITION AT COLOMBO SHOULD CONFORM WITH ITS LONG-STANDING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA. ANNOYANCE WITHIN THE GOI WITH THE DPRK STRONG-ARM LOBBYING HAS, PERHAPS, LED TO SOME SECOND THOUGHTS AND A GROWING AWARENESS THAT SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA MAY NOT COINCIDE WITH BAGHDAD'S GOALS AT THE CONFERENCE. (B) AS REPORTED REF A, IRAQ IS NEITHER DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE KOREA ISSUE NOR EAGER TO BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED. (C) IRAQI DELEGATION TO AUGUST 10TH ARAB FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRELIMINARY MEETING WILL INCLUDE FON MIN (US EDUCATED) DR. SAADOUN HAMMADI, DG FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IZMET KETTANEH, PROTOCOL DIRECTOR ABDUL WADOUD AL-SHAIKHLY, IRAQ'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UN ABDUL KARIM AL-SHAIKHLY AND OTHERS. (D) IRAQI DELEGATION TO AUGUST 16TH SUMMIT MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE LED BY REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSAIN, ACCOMPANIED BY NUMBER OF MINISTERS. (E) THE IRAQI DELEGATION ALREADY POSSESSES A VIRTUALLY FIRM DRAFT

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COMMUNIQUE FOR COLOMBO SUMMIT--WHICH IS EXPECTED TO HAVE UNOBJECTIONABLE LEASE COMMON DENOMINATOR APPEAL.

4. COMMENTS: IF SADDAM APPEARS, AS EXPECTED, IN COLOMBO BOTH HIS DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIMS WILL BE UNDERLINED:
(A) ENHANCED PRESTIGE AT HOME WITH REEMPHASIS OF HIS HEIR APPARENT POSITION AS PRESIDENT BAKR FADES;
(B) THE GOI'S OBVIOUS DESIRE FOR A MORE PROMINENT ROLE AMONG

THE NON-ALIGNED STATES.

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5. ON KOREA: A DECISION MAY HAVE BEEN MADE TO LEAVE UNDEFINED FINAL NUANCES OF THE SHIFTING AND SOMEWHAT UNCOMFORTABLE GOI POSITION UNTIL AFTER ARABS HAVE CONFERRED AUGUST 10 AND DEPENDING ON NORTH KOREAN BEHAVIOR AT COLOMBO. GOI AGREES THAT A DIALOG BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IS NECESSARY AND, ACCORDING TO KETTANEH, DID NOT FIND HELPFUL NORTH KOREA'S FLAT REJECTION OF CONFERENCE PROPOSED IN SECRETARY'S JULY 22ND SPEECH. ALTHOUGH IRAQ RECOGNIZES DPRK AS THE LEGITIMATE KOREAN GOVERNMENT, MOST IRAQI-NORTH KOREAN TIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE PARTY RATHER THAN THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL. PRESS SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA HAS NOT, APPARENTLY, BEEN MATCH IN MORE SUBSTANTIVE WAYS. FOR EXAMPLE, ACCORDING TO KETTANEH, IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER HAS DODGED RECENT INCREASINGLY PETULANT SERIES OF DPRK INVITATIONS VISIT PYONGYANG AND SUCH NORTH KOREAN PRESSURE HAS BEEN RESENTED BY IRAQIS. FOR IRAQ, ACTIVE, STRIDENT SUPPORT OF THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION WOULD CREATE A PROBLEM WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH THEIR ATTEMPTS TO BE ACCORDED A LARGER ROLE IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. SINCE, TO THE GOI, THE NORTH KOREAN CAMPAIGN IS LARGELY A QUESTION OF COSMETICS (DOOMED TO ULTIMATE VETO BY US IN SECURITY COUNCIL) ANY MORE REALISTIC RESOLUTIONS WHICH CHanneled THE DPRK AND ITS ARAG SUPPORTERS, ALGERIA, AND LIBYA, INTO CONSTRUCTIVE CHANNELS MIGHT WELL FIND AT LEAST TACIT IRAQI SUPPORT.

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6. ACTION INDICATION: UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, USINT PLANS
NO FURTHER APPROACHES TO GOI ON KOREA (OR PUERTO RICO). CON-
SENSUS OF AUGUST FIRST CORE GROUP MEETING WAS THAT MORE PRESSURE
AT THIS POINT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
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